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Esther & Emmanuel

(Mrs. Janice Cotrone, former Global Partners' missionary RN to Haiti, volunteered in the Petit Goave field clinic shortly after the January 12, 2010 earthquake that devastated the land of Haiti.)

One morning Esther came to the compound clinic. At her side was her five-year old son and in her arms was her 11-day old baby (pictured here with Janice).

Esther was a second grade school teacher; the earthquake reduced her school to rubble. Esther's husband had just begun a new job in Leogane, the epicenter of the earthquake. He never made it out of the building where he was working. Esther, eight-months pregnant, was thrown to the floor by the quake and her house crashed down around her. Two days later she delivered a tiny boy. She named him Emmanuel, after his father.

Emmanuel was born with a bowel obstruction. Esther knew something was wrong and went from town to town trying to find help for her infant son. Nobody could help him. Then she found her way to our clinic. I could do little but keep IV fluids running. Three times that day I went to the nearby U.S. Marine compound. Finally, they told me they would medevac the mom and baby to the Comfort, the large military floating hospital just offshore. The day came and went, but the evacuation did not happen.

With each breath, Emmanuel struggled to live. The Marines then told us they would Humvee him to a field hospital the next day. I made a makeshift bed under our tarps, and we found food for the little family. All night I prayed for Esther and Emmanuel.

The next morning his condition was grave. About the time permission was granted for the trip to the Comfort, Jesus called Emmanuel home. My heart broke for dear Esther. She is only 35-years old. She has lost her husband, her baby, her home, her job. But Esther has Jesus in her heart. We spent the rest of the day talking about heaven and about how strong and healthy little Emmanuel was now. For the first time he met his father, who was the sparkle in Esther's eye.

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She knows she will join her family some day, but for now she wants to provide for her remaining son. I gathered up some toys for him, and food, clothing, and a warm quilt for her. Esther's eyes filled with tears as she thanked me for helping her. How I longed to give her little boy back to her. But I couldn't. All I could do was love Esther and show her how much Jesus loves her. She was so grateful.

What Next in Haiti?

Stats from January 12, 2010:

- 128 church members lost their lives
- 100 members were seriously injured
- 25 churches destroyed, 36 damaged
- 12 schools destroyed, 17 damaged
- 4 parsonages destroyed, 11 damaged

The response was prompt with food, medical supplies, tents, and personal hygiene flowing into clinics and hospitals to reach an untold number of people.

I am both pleased and proud, to the extent permitted by our theology, of our missionaries on site and the many volunteers, especially medical professionals, who came to help in those early days. Working alongside our primary partner, World Hope International, great good was done and a difference made. In addition, Wesleyans in North America, as well as fields as diverse as Croatia, Australia, Guyana, and Sierra Leone, gave in excess of one-half million dollars (US) to the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund.

But what next? After on site visits with Area Director Dan Irvine and in consultation with the National Board, GP set these goals:

1. \$100 gift to every Wesleyan pastor
2. \$500 to pastors with funeral expenses
3. \$500 to pastors who lost their homes
4. Shared \$50K project with East Michigan District for conference center at Petit Goave
5. Develop housing arrangements for work teams in the Port-au-Prince area
6. Pray as government requirements develop for replacement and new construction
7. Design transitional buildings simple in design and modest in cost to bridge the gap for now
8. As partners are signed up for these buildings, the relief funds can be preserved to assist in the very large church projects that will soon follow.

"What next?" Let's make a difference.

(1-3 completed April 25th)

—by Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Director, Global Partners

Faith Davis



Faith Davis was born near Amhurst, PA and attended the Wesleyan Church located in that town. She was the youngest of six children born to Kenneth and Erma Davis, both of whom were active lay people in their church. Her father was a coal miner and then worked in a factory.

Faith first attended United Wesleyan College in Allentown, PA, graduating with a major in Bible and Christian Education. She then attended Houghton College in New York, graduating with majors in Elementary Education and Psychology.

While Faith taught in local Pennsylvania public schools near her home town for some years, she did have some international experience during this period of her life. In 1970, she went with the YES Corps to Guyana and then taught one year in the International School in Manaus, Brazil.

At last in 1982, Faith Davis went as a missionary teacher to the Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico where she taught language arts for four years.

After returning to the States, she located her home in Florida, teaching in Christian schools in the Sunshine State.

In 1991, Faith married William Zierdt. They live in Orange City and are active in the Deland Wesleyan Church. Faith plays the piano for the worship service and is a member of the local church board of administration. Orange City is located between Orlando and Daytona Beach.

Bill and Faith may be reached at 2301 Spring Hollow Drive, Orange City, Florida 32763. They would be happy to hear from any friends.

—by Phil Myers, WMAF Executive member

Paul Lalsiemlien



Rev. Paul Lalsiemlien, Regional Director for Northeast India, died October 19th, 2010 from complications of hepatitis. He and his wife Kim, led the region effectively for several years. Soon after election in February for this current office term, he sent the following email.

“Hello Dr. Turner,

Greeting you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

How is your ministry going? I trust people are blessed through your understanding and love services upon them. How is Aunt Janet doing? Is she doing fine? I believe she is still a great supporter towards your duty for the Lord's people. Kim sends her love and best wishes to her.

The North East India Wesleyan Church is going on developing step by step. I am happy to let you know that the churches in the Districts are getting revived themselves and there are reports that most of the local churches are working hard to support themselves and the 25% Head Quarter share from the Districts is improving. Although some local situations remain the same, I pray the Lord will change their attitude sooner or later.

I thank God for the changes you and Dr. Bray helped us make during your time as Area Director for Asia.

We love you and remember you always. Please remember me in your prayers. God is good all the time. We send our best wishes and regards to you and Aunt Janet.

Yours in His Ministry, Paul and Kim's family”

--- by Paul Turner, former GP missionary

Andrea's Adventures

Andrea Swarhout, GP missionary, serves in Kyoto, Japan, and sent this November news:

This month began with my classmates and me going over to Gary's house. (The other American in our class.) He lives in an old-style Japanese house. He gave us a tour and then we ate dinner together. It was a great time getting to know the other students outside of the classroom setting

The first Saturday we had cooking class. It was a little early this month and several members weren't able to attend, but my Japanese teacher came for the first time. We made Chicken Cordon Bleu bread bowls and New York Style Cheesecake.

The next weekend I went to Tokyo for meetings. Our Area Director came from the Philippines and we met together with WGM and IGM leadership. Then Dr. Romy, Robin and I met together as a group.



The third Saturday was English Bible Study over at Fushimi Church. I got there a little early so I took some pictures of the beautiful fall foliage we are experiencing here in Kyoto right now. The next day I led English Worship at Kyoto West Church.

This past Tuesday we had a Bazaar at the church to get to know our neighbors and be able to invite them into the church. It was very well attended and we had a great time.

I am now preparing for a Christmas Party at my house next weekend. Next month I will be stateside for a few weeks visiting doctors. I would ask for your prayers.

I update my blog every Tuesday and Friday. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Go to : swartyinjapan.blogspot.com

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2010 with Orai & Linda Lehman

January – return to Africa and home at Xai-Xai, Mozambique, for new term of ministry

February – Bible College term begins with 34 enrolled. Orai truly enjoys interaction with the students. Work team from Wisconsin built new kitchen in school.

April – Azer, a beautiful German Shepherd came to live with us from another missionary. Our nine year old Rottweiler, Bear died. Lots of red tape with the State Veterinarian office.

June – Dr. Barry and Margaret Ross and Margaret's sister Faith, taught in the Bible College.

July - David and Sarah Cotnam from Bethany Bible College in Canada, came in July as interns for five months.

October – Graduation on the 17th with eleven receiving certificates or diplomas. Orai spent three weeks in northern Mozambique visiting churches and district conference.

December – Christmas with family in Wyoming and Oklahoma.



---by Lehmans, GP Missionaries to Mozambique.

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Dr. Lowell E. Jennings 1921 - 2010

Dr. Lowell Eugene Jennings, 89, of Brevard, NC, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Transylvania Regional Hospital.

He was the son of the late Revs. Walter & Miriam Jennings. He was a member of the Brevard Wesleyan Church and attended Indiana Wesleyan University and Indiana School of Medicine.



Dr. Jennings practiced family medicine in Gastonia, NC and was a physician for the Veterans Administration. Earlier he served in Wesleyan medical missions in India and Sierra Leone, West Africa. He served the church on Local, District, and General Boards of Administration, and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Southern Wesleyan University for over 30 years. There he was awarded an honorary Doctorate degree and was privileged to have the Campus Life Center named in his honor. The Wesleyan denomination distinguished him as the Outstanding Layman of the quadrennium. For several years, Dr. Jennings was medical consultant for missionary personnel returning for home ministry.

Surviving is his loving wife of 67 years, Mary Faith Jennings; two sons, Donald (Lorie) Jennings, David (Susan) Jennings; two daughters, Janene (Eddie) Bryson, Ellen (Rick) Belliveau; eleven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Southern Wesleyan University, PO Box 1020, Central, SC 29630 or Global Partners for Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone (www.wesleyan.org/gp/projects).

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